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MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RELEASES 1986 ECONOMIC HANDBOOK

Commissioner of the Maine Department of Labor John Fitzsimmons announced the release of *The Maine Employment and Earnings Statistical Handbook - 1986*, which contains detailed employment, earnings, and labor force data, and is produced annually by the Division of Economic Analysis and Research.

"The 1986 report is an excellent reference source for businesses, researchers, labor organizations, planners, and consultants," said Fitzsimmons, who described the publication as "a compilation of labor statistics in Maine and a must for analyzing and measuring economic conditions throughout the State."

The handbook, now in its sixth year of publication, provides comprehensive monthly labor statistics for the State, counties, and labor market areas; employment figures by detailed industrial breakout; hours and earnings by industry for the State and major labor market areas; key unemployment insurance program statistics, including claims, payments and tax rates; as well as definitions of labor market and industrial terms.

The report shows, for example, that Maine's civilian labor force increased by 9,000 to a total of 562,000 during 1986, and while the number of Maine residents with jobs rose to 532,000, the number of unemployed remained unchanged at 30,000.

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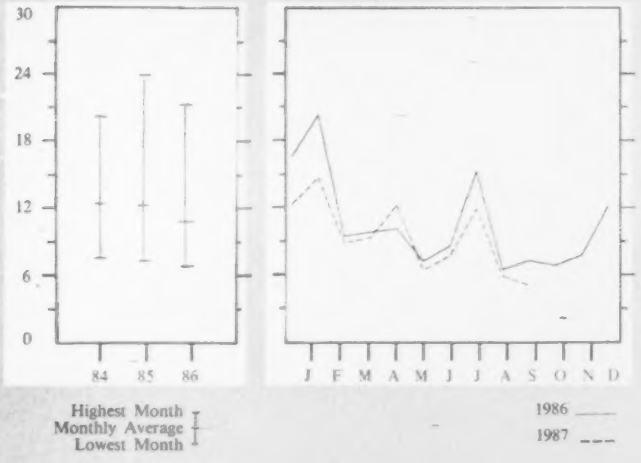
UI Initial Claims

in Thousands



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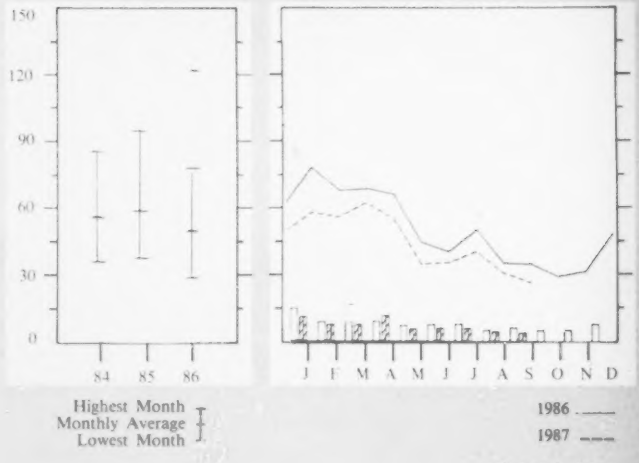
in Thousands



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During 1986, 2,000 jobs were lost in manufacturing industries. However, while some manufacturing industries saw decreases in employment--such as leather and leather products, and paper and allied products--some industries, such as transportation equipment and electrical and electronic equipment, made significant gains over the course of the year.

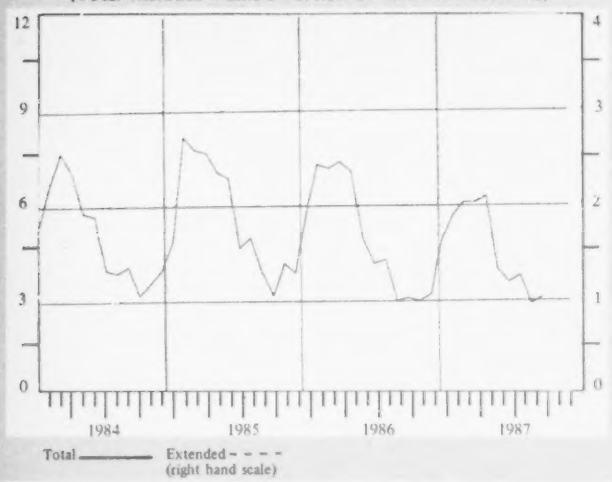
Meanwhile, employment in nonmanufacturing remained robust in 1986 as 20,700 jobs were added, largely attributed to gains in wholesale and retail trade, services, and construction.

The report also shows that the average weekly wage in Maine increased over the course of the year from $293.33 in 1985 to $310.87 in 1986. Also, the average number of weeks Maine people collected unemployment benefits dropped from 17.1 in 1985 to 14.4 in 1986.

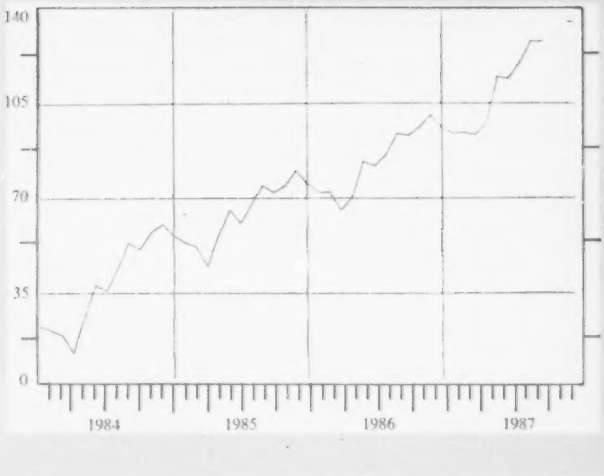
The ***1986 Handbook*** is available at $5.00 per copy and may be obtained by contacting the Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Security, Division of Economic Analysis and Research, 20 Union Street, Augusta, Maine 04330, telephone (207) 289-2271.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments
in Millions
(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	509.9	508.5	493.0	123.2	121.8	119.4	38.6	39.0	38.5
Total Manufacturing	104.2	104.6	104.9	15.7	15.4	16.5	9.8	10.0	10.2
Durable Goods	47.9	47.2	46.8	7.6	7.3	8.2	2.7	2.7	2.9
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	14.0	14.1	14.2	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.8	3.8	3.8	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
Machinery, except Electrical	4.0	4.0	4.0	2.3	2.3	2.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	10.4	10.1	10.1	3.3	3.2	3.7	0.7	0.7	0.8
Transportation Equipment 3/	10.8	10.4	10.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 4/	4.9	4.8	4.6	0.7	0.5	1.1	0.5	0.5	0.5
Nondurable Goods	56.3	57.4	58.1	8.1	8.1	8.3	7.1	7.3	7.3
Food and Kindred Products	7.6	8.8	8.6	1.6	1.6	1.8	0.9	0.9	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.2	6.4	6.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.2	1.2	1.2
Apparel	3.6	3.5	4.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.0	16.7	16.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.5	0.5
Printing and Publishing	4.9	4.9	4.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.5	3.6	3.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.6	1.6	1.6
Leather and Leather Products	12.2	12.2	12.2	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.1	2.2	2.4
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.1	10.1	10.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.7	1.8	1.9
Other Leather Products	2.1	2.1	2.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.4	0.4	0.5
Other Nondurable Goods 5/	1.3	1.3	1.3	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.1	0.3	0.2
Total Nonmanufacturing	405.7	403.9	388.1	107.5	106.4	102.9	28.8	29.0	28.3
Mining	0.1	0.2	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Contract Construction	31.4	32.9	30.4	8.4	8.4	7.8	2.1	2.2	1.9
Transportation and Public Utilities	20.0	19.9	20.2	6.4	6.4	6.2	1.4	1.3	1.4
Wholesale Trade	24.8	25.2	23.1	8.9	9.0	8.7	1.9	1.9	2.0
Retail Trade	104.2	105.9	97.2	27.8	27.8	26.5	7.4	7.5	7.0
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	24.2	24.5	23.1	12.2	12.2	11.2	2.2	2.2	2.1
Services	111.0	116.6	105.2	29.9	29.6	28.3	9.9	10.4	10.0
Government	90.0	78.7	88.8	13.9	13.0	14.2	3.9	3.5	3.9
Federal	18.4	18.3	17.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 6/	71.6	60.4	71.0	12.1	11.2	12.4	3.6	3.2	3.6
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	1.2	1.2	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Lumber and wood products and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland and Lewiston series. 3/ Transportation equipment and instruments are combined in the Lewiston series. 4/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 32, 39. 5/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 6/ Regular teachers are included in summer months, whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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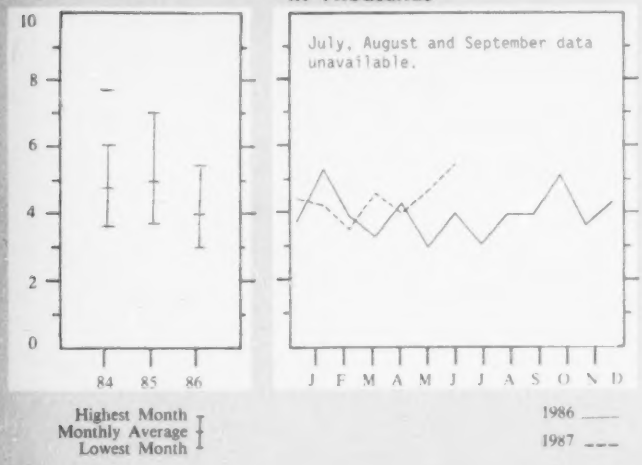
New Applications For Work

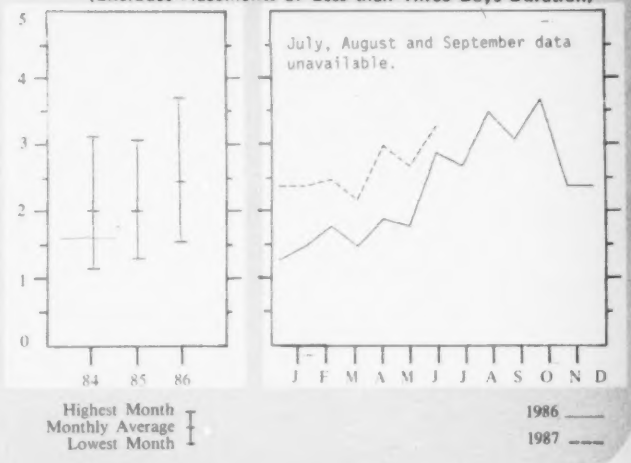
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1986	1985	1984
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$374.13	$360.71	$358.44	40.1	41.7	41.2	$ 9.33	$ 8.65	$ 8.70	$ 8.65	$ 8.40	$ 8.05
Durable Goods	355.93	357.79	350.10	41.1	42.9	40.9	8.66	8.34	8.56	8.52	8.46	8.22
Lumber and Wood Products	331.24	340.47	316.36	39.2	42.4	40.3	8.45	8.03	7.85	7.74	8.06	7.57
Primary and Fabricated Metals	388.40	396.52	364.20	40.0	43.1	42.3	9.71	9.20	8.61	8.58	8.25	7.89
Machinery, except Electrical	417.70	382.81	405.41	45.7	43.6	40.5	9.14	8.78	10.01	9.62	9.11	8.36
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	326.01	331.89	309.85	40.1	41.8	38.3	8.13	7.94	8.09	7.94	7.57	7.56
Other Durable Goods	377.92	376.66	401.02	42.8	43.9	43.4	8.83	8.58	9.24	9.41	9.50	9.51
Nondurable Goods	389.65	362.56	363.85	39.2	40.6	41.3	9.94	8.93	8.81	8.76	8.31	7.95
Food and Kindred Products	259.20	251.36	253.82	36.1	38.2	37.0	7.18	6.58	6.86	7.00	6.63	6.46
Textile Mill Products	277.02	290.49	309.46	34.2	37.1	43.1	8.10	7.83	7.18	7.04	6.64	6.13
Apparel	234.42	231.84	217.67	36.4	38.9	37.4	6.44	5.96	5.82	5.73	5.83	5.55
Paper and Allied Products	674.63	600.50	611.59	45.8	45.7	47.3	14.73	13.14	12.93	12.70	12.25	11.62
Leather and Leather Products	237.76	244.58	229.40	35.7	38.7	37.3	6.66	6.32	6.15	6.05	5.93	5.80
Other Nondurable Goods	343.14	329.22	328.02	39.9	40.1	40.9	8.60	8.21	8.02	8.00	7.51	7.11
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	378.56	362.20	354.49	41.6	41.3	38.7	9.10	8.77	9.16	9.17	8.90	8.08
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	296.81	292.25	285.59	38.9	39.6	39.5	7.63	7.38	7.23	7.19	6.78	6.58

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	268.8	268.8	254.9
Unemployed	9.7	11.2	13.4
(Percent)	3.6%	4.2%	5.3%
Resident Employed	259.1	257.6	241.5

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items	344.4	342.7	330.2	331.1

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.5%
Percent Change from Last December	+4.0%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.3%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	612.0	618.8	578.4	594.2	600.1	554.2	17.8	18.7	24.2	2.9	3.0	4.2
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	42,000	41,400	40,500	40,900	40,300	38,300	1,100	1,100	2,200	2.6	2.7	5.4
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,300	42,000	40,400	39,800	40,200	38,200	1,500	1,800	2,200	3.6	4.3	5.4
Portland MSA	127,200	126,900	119,400	125,100	124,800	116,900	2,100	2,100	2,500	1.7	1.7	2.1
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	135,600	136,000	131,700	133,200	133,500	128,400	2,400	2,500	3,300	1.8	1.8	2.5
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	34,110	34,950	32,520	32,840	33,460	31,080	1,270	1,490	1,440	3.7	4.3	4.4
Bath-Brunswick	28,780	29,200	26,450	27,930	28,390	25,860	850	810	590	3.0	2.8	2.2
Belfast	11,630	11,500	11,320	11,210	10,980	10,570	420	520	750	3.6	4.5	6.6
Biddeford	28,020	28,420	26,210	27,450	27,820	25,190	570	600	1,020	2.0	2.1	3.9
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	14,900	16,690	13,640	14,610	16,360	13,300	290	330	340	1.9	2.0	2.5
Calais-Eastport	14,830	18,070	14,190	14,090	17,280	13,200	740	790	990	5.0	4.4	7.0
Caribou-Presque Isle	24,590	22,700	22,450	23,080	21,170	20,580	1,510	1,530	1,870	6.1	6.7	8.3
Central Penobscot	2,670	2,580	2,540	2,570	2,490	2,380	100	90	160	3.7	3.5	6.3
Dover-Foxcroft	6,540	6,320	6,660	6,300	6,120	6,210	240	200	450	3.7	3.2	6.8
Ellsworth	26,100	28,830	24,210	25,520	28,150	23,400	580	680	810	2.2	2.4	3.3
Farmington	12,140	11,130	11,970	11,610	10,570	11,260	530	560	710	4.4	5.0	5.9
Fort Kent-Allagash	6,360	5,460	5,660	6,080	5,250	5,320	280	210	340	4.4	3.8	6.0
Greenville	1,350	1,330	1,310	1,310	1,300	1,250	40	30	60	3.0	2.3	4.6
Houlton	6,680	6,380	6,270	6,440	6,070	5,980	240	310	290	3.6	4.9	4.6
Kittery-York 3/	30,860	30,870	28,800	30,610	30,620	28,530	250	250	270	0.8	0.8	0.9
Lincoln-Howland	5,510	5,340	5,450	5,300	5,170	5,070	210	170	380	3.8	3.2	7.0
Livermore Falls	5,030	4,850	4,880	4,800	4,600	4,570	230	250	310	4.6	5.2	6.4
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,260	3,900	3,930	3,990	3,620	3,650	270	280	280	6.3	7.2	7.1
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,320	4,310	4,280	4,130	4,160	4,020	190	150	260	4.4	3.5	6.1
Norway-Paris	12,090	12,870	11,580	11,740	12,390	11,010	350	480	570	2.9	3.7	4.9
Patten-Island Falls	2,780	2,590	2,660	2,670	2,510	2,510	110	80	150	4.0	3.1	5.6
Rockland	19,240	19,520	17,320	18,890	19,120	16,720	350	400	600	1.8	2.0	3.5
Rumford	8,860	8,570	8,470	8,450	8,230	7,920	410	340	550	4.6	4.0	6.5
Sanford	16,730	16,720	15,860	16,270	16,240	15,190	460	480	670	2.7	2.9	4.2
Sebago Lakes Region	14,020	15,510	12,430	13,640	16,200	12,020	380	310	410	2.7	1.9	3.3
Skowhegan	25,070	25,260	23,500	24,070	23,970	22,150	1,000	1,290	1,350	4.0	5.1	5.7
Southwest Penobscot	10,460	10,460	10,580	9,950	10,050	9,880	510	410	700	4.9	3.9	6.6
Waterville	23,500	23,280	22,960	22,820	22,590	21,970	680	690	990	2.9	3.0	4.3
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,796.2	1,748.2	n/a	1,739.4	1,691.1	n/a	56.8	57.1	n/a	3.2	3.3
Massachusetts	3,053.0	3,153.0	3,051.6	2,969.0	3,065.0	2,919.6	84.0	89.0	132.0	2.8	2.8	4.3
New Hampshire	600.5	611.5	570.6	588.1	598.7	557.3	12.4	12.8	13.3	2.1	2.1	2.3
Rhode Island	522.6	520.6	511.8	506.6	502.3	493.6	16.0	18.3	18.2	3.1	3.5	3.6
Vermont	296.2	299.0	295.4	287.7	290.4	284.4	8.5	8.7	11.0	2.9	2.9	3.7
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	7,000.2	6,756.0	n/a	6,795.9	6,500.2	n/a	204.3	255.8	n/a	2.9	3.8
UNITED STATES 4/	119,884	131,614	118,244	113,027	114,527	110,229	6,857	7,088	8,015	5.7	5.8	6.8

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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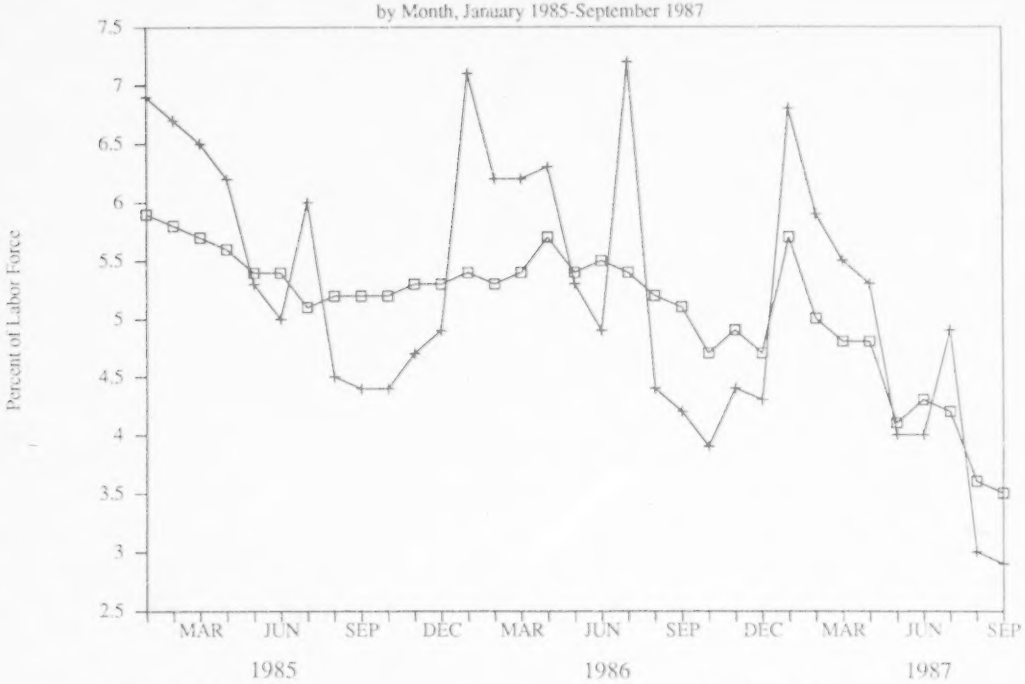
Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	4,205	5,212	5,979	487	567	622	446	562	589
Insured Unemployment Rate *	0.9	1.1	1.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	1.3	1.6	1.7

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Unemployment Rates in Maine

by Month, January 1985-September 1987



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